

In the Claims:

1. **(currently amended)** A tray, comprising a plurality of non-tapered cavities, wherein each non-tapered cavity ~~with~~ comprises a rib protruding into the cavity, ~~wherein said~~ each cavity is substantially symmetrically open-ended at both ends, ~~wherein~~ said tray and said ribs are constructed of a substantially rigid material, and said tray and said ribs are constructed of a continuous piece of material.
2. **(canceled)**
3. **(currently amended)** The tray of claim 1 ~~[[2]]~~, wherein the non-tapered cavities are of uniform size and shape.
4. **(currently amended)** The tray of claim 1 ~~[[2]]~~, wherein the non-tapered cavities are of a shape selected from the group consisting of: (a) Polygons; (b) Ovular; (c) Circular; and (d) Non-angularly shaped objects.
5. **(currently amended)** The tray of claim 1, ~~[[2,]]~~ 3, or 4, wherein each non-tapered cavity comprises ~~comprising~~ a plurality of ribs protruding into the cavity ~~or cavities~~.
6. **(original)** The tray of claim 5, wherein the ribs are of uniform size.
7. **(canceled)**
8. **(original)** The tray of claim 5, wherein the ribs are evenly spaced.
9. **(currently amended)** The tray of claim 5, wherein the ribs are positioned around the cavity ~~or cavities~~ at intervals.
10. **(currently amended)** The tray of claim 5, wherein the ribs are longitudinally positioned along the walls of the cavity ~~or cavities~~, parallel to the walls of the cavity ~~or cavities~~.
11. **(currently amended)** The tray of claim 10, wherein the ribs extend along the entire length of the walls of the cavity ~~or cavities~~.

Claims 12-24 **(canceled)**